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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

KIMETRA BRICE, EARL BROWNE,
and JILL NOVOROT.

Plaintiff,

VS.

KENNETH REES, GPL SERVICING, LTD.,
PLAIN GREEN, LLC, GREAT PLAINS
LENDING, LLC, VICTORY PARK
CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC, VICTORY
PARK MANAGEMENT, LLC, SCOTT
ZEMNICK, JEFFREY SCHNEIDER,
THOMAS WELCH, HAYNES
INVESTMENTS, LLC, and L. STEPHEN
HAYNES.

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:18-cv-01200-WHO

ORDER

Date: June 20, 2018
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Judge: Hon. William H. Orrick
Location: 450 Golden Gate Avenue
Courtroom 2, 17th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

This matter comes before the Court pursuant to the Motion to Transfer Venue Under 28 U.S.C. § 1412 filed by Defendants Kenneth Rees, GPL Servicing, LTD., Victory Park Capital Advisors, LLC, Victory Park Management, LLC, Scott Zemnick, Jeffrey Schneider, and Thomas Welch (collectively, the “Transferring Defendants”). In other related cases, the Courts in the Eastern District of Virginia and Middle District of Florida granted a similar motion as to similarly situated defendants for the reasons explained in the Honorable Judge Lauck’s Memorandum Opinion on March 23, 2018. *Gibbs v. Rees*, Case No. 3:17-cv-386 (E.D. Va.) (Dkt. 132, Mar. 23, 2018 Memorandum Opinion).

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1 Although Plaintiffs Kimetra Brice, Earl Browne, and Jill Novorot (“Plaintiffs) object to the
2 transfer for the reasons previously explained in Judge Lauck’s decision in the Eastern District of
3 Virginia, Plaintiffs concede that the analysis is indistinguishable as it applies to the Transferring
4 Defendants, and, thus, it would be a waste of judicial resources to fully brief the same issues again.
5 Accordingly, the Court transfers all claims asserted against Defendants Kenneth Rees, GPL Servicing,
6 Ltd., Victory Park Capital Advisors, LLC, Victory Park Management, LLC, Scott Zemnick, Jeffrey
7 Schneider, and Thomas Welch to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, where
8 related chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings are currently pending.

9 This action shall remain open and continue as to Defendants Plain Greens, LLC, Great Plains
10 Lending, LLC and Haynes Investments, LLC, Sovereign Business Solutions, LLC, and L. Stephen
11 Haynes.

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13 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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16 Dated: June 7, 2018

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Hon. William H. Orrick
United States District Judge